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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Richard T. PON, et al.) : Examiner: Unknown
Application No.: 09/720,907) : Group Art Unit: Unknown
Filed: January 3, 2001)
For: REUSABLE SOLID SUPPORT) February 21, 2003
FOR OLIGONUCLEOTIDE)
SYNTHESIS)
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the paragraph at page 35, lines 24-25, and replace it with the following new paragraph: